

## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 20, with the following amended paragraph:

FIGS. 25-27 illustrate another embodiment of an implant **800** as contemplated according to the present invention. The implant **800** includes a band **805** (FIG. 27), but the retention barbs of the previous example have been eliminated in favor of an outer fabric implant sheath **810**. The fabric sheath **810** can be sutured or otherwise affixed to the anatomic tissue in a desired location. The circumference of the implant body **800** is adjusted through a geared connector **825** similar to the geared connector of the bandlike implant array shown in FIG. 23. More specifically, adjustment stops **820** on the band are engaged by a mechanical worm **840** with an attached first geared head **850**. The first geared head **850** mates with a second geared head **855**. The second geared head **855** is attached to an adjustment stem **860** which is machined to receive a screwdriver-like adjustment element. The surface of the device that comes in direct contact with the end organ substantially defines a plane. When the adjustment tool is coupled to an interface location of the adjustment means, the adjustment tool is positioned in an off-plane, non-planar orientation relative to the plane defined by said surface.